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## **Amendments to the Claims**

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of claims:**

- 1. (currently amended) A method for preparation of a sample which is drawn through a hollow needle into a syringe, in-particular especially for extraction and enrichment of a volatile component from a liquid, solid or gaseous sample for subsequent introduction into an analytical device, for example a gas chromatograph, wherein whereby for extraction of an analyte of interest the sample is flushed through a packing of a stationary phase with an increased volume compared to the interior of the needle for extraction of the analytes of interest.
- 2. (previously presented) A device for carrying out the method as claimed in claim 1, comprising a syringe, and a hollow needle connected to the syringe body, wherein, between the needle and the syringe body, a chamber is provided which is wider than the cross section of the needle and in which an extraction material is located.
- 3. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the chamber is provided with a means for heating.